

BOXING—SPORTS OF ALL SORTS—BASEBALL

This is a fine morning to contemplate the fact that in just 54 days the Cubs will be headed for Tampa, Fla., the spring training grounds, to prepare for the 1916 pennant dash. And there is food for further happy cogitation in the fact that in 94 days the pennant season will be shot open on the North Side, with Cincinnati probably the first National Leaguer to invade the former stronghold of the Federal league.

The contract Charley Thomas had drawn up with the Tampa people for the Cubs could not be broken and Charley Weeghman says his squad will start for Florida March 5.

Second base has been plugged by the purchase of Steve Yerkes for \$6,500 from the Pittfeds. Steve made an excellent record in the third league, both as a fielder and batter. His acquisition will leave Rollie Zeider free for utility duty, and he is capable of filling any of the four places on the infield.

Yerkes did well in the American league for some time, but was about out of favor with the Red Sox management when he leaped to the Feds. He should have little difficulty playing in the National, and still has plenty of speed and intelligence.

Jess Willard has at last connected with a Freddie Welsh proposition. Tex Rickard, who promoted the Jeffries-Johnson fight, has offered \$45,000 for a ten-round fight in New York, March 3, between Willard and Frank Moran, \$30,000 to go to the champion and the remainder to Moran.

This is a swollen sum for ten rounds of endeavor and there is little doubt that the two men will jump at it. Neither has signed articles yet, but each has indicated a willingness to do so if the money is actually put up.

Rickard can offer such a purse in New York and more than break even, ridiculous as that may sound. The

fight bugs are willing to pay for their entertainment, even to the extent of being stung considerably. The sum is away too big for any man to get for ten rounds.

Moran has gained a large following in New York through his two victories over Jim Coffey and would undoubtedly get a good play from the betting public.

Tom Jones, manager of Willard, says he will not match his man before April, but it is not likely Tom will pass up a crack at \$30,000 if he actually sees the coin.

Packey McFarland and his associates may stage a string of six-day bicycle races, with or without sanction from the National Cycling ass'n. Men from Milwaukee, Kansas City and St. Louis have conferred with Packey, with a view to getting his string of riders for their cities, following the week-long grind scheduled to start here Feb. 2, in the Coliseum.

A western circuit would thus be formed and it would be strong enough to successfully buck the New York influence.

Alfredo De Oro trimmed Lloyd Jevne, 50 to 25, in the first block of play for the three-cushion billiard title at Boston. The champion ran his 50 points in 46 innings. Jevne played poorly and frequently missed his shots by feet.

Indoor Ball Scores

De La Salle 14, St. Cyrils 2.
McHale 8, La Rabida 1.

West Side fans will not be without baseball this year, as a new club known as the Garden City club will have its home at Kilpatrick av. and W. Lake st. This was the home of the Tiger club for the last three years.

Wm. Niesen as manager is contracting for some of the star players of the city. Niesen for the last 15 years has been owner and man-